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SUBJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION:
PRELIMINARY REPORT

REF: STATE 059977

1. A.K. BANNERJEE, DEPUTY SECRETARY, SOUTHERN DIVISION, GAVE EMBOFF MARCH 9 ESSENTIALLY THE SAME EXPLANATION OF NUCLEAR TRAINING OFFER TO VIETNAMESE AS SET FORTH IN REFTEL. BANNERJEE EMPHASIZED THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED. HE SAID THAT THE INDIANS HAD RESPONDED TO THE VIETNAMESE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE THAT IT COULD PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THREE OR FOUR SCIENTISTS IN FIELDS SUCH AS MEDICINE AND AGRICULTURE, PROVIDED THAT THESE DID NOT INTERFERE WITH ITS COMMITMENTS TO TRAIN FOREIGN SCIENTISTS UNDER IAEA AUSPICES. BANNERJEE SAID THAT THE TRAINING OF THE VIETNAMESE WOULD BE UNDER BILATERAL AUSPICES BUT THAT THE GUIDELINES WHICH GOVERN TRAINING UNDER IAEA AUSPICES WOULD BE FOLLOWED. THUS, HE IMPLIED TRAINING WOULD NOT BE IN SENSITIVE OR POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING AREAS. BANNERJEE MADE A POINT ALSO OF THE LIMITED NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE EACH YEAR FOR STUDENTS (SOME 20-25) AND SAID THAT OVER HALF OF THESE WERE ALLOTTED TO INDIAN STUDENTS.

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2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: IN REPOSE TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION FOR JULY 28, 1977, THE PRIME MINISTER PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN ANSWER: QUOTE: INDIA HAS ENTERED INTO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY WITH AFGHANISTAN, ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, CANADA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DENMARK, ARAB REPUBLIC OF

EGYPT, FRANCE, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY, HUNGARY, IRAN, ITALY, IRAQ, ROMANIA, SPAIN, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.
UNQUOTE

3. WE LOOKED UP THE AGREEMENTS WITH THESE COUNTRIES IN THE
ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY. MOST OF
THE AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIODS AND OFTEN
TIMES RENEWED. THEY WERE GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS AGREEMENTS
FOR EITHER COOPERATION OR COLLABORATION IN THE USE OF ATOMIC
ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. WHERE THE REPORT OF THE AGREE-
MENT WAS MORE SPECIFIC, WE HAVE INDICATED SO BELOW. THE
ANNUAL REPORTS DO NOT INDICATE EXTENT TO WHICH AGREEMENTS WERE
OR ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

-- AFGHANISTAN: DECEMBER 13, 1965, AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH AN
ISOTOPE DISPENSING CENTRE AT KABUL UNIVERSITY TO ENCOURAGE
THE USE OF MEDICAL RADIO-ISOTOPES IN HOSPITALS IN KABUL, AND
TO GRANT THREE FELLOWSHIPS FOR KABUL UNIVERSITY STAFF FOR
TRAINING IN INDIA. (NO INDICATION OF RENEWAL OF NEW AGREE-
MENT SUBSEQUENTLY.)

-- ARGENTINA: 1974 (AMEBASSY BUENOS AIRES MESSAGE IN OUR
FILES INDICATES FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT SIGNED MAY 28, 1974 FOR
EXCHANGE OF INVESTIGATORS, CONCESSION OF SCHOLARSHIPS,
ACQUISITION AND EXCHANGE OF MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT, DEVELOP-
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MENT OF PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, AND EXCHANGE OF RE-
SEARCH INFORMATION.)

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-- BANGLADESH: AUGUST 27, 1973.

-- BELGIUM: (A) JANUARY 30, 1965, EXCHANGE OF UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION; PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS; EXTENSION OF MUTUAL FACILITIES FOR OBTAINING SUPPLIES OF RADIO-ISOTOPES, NUCLEAR MATERIALS; HELP TO PLAN AND ESTABLISH LABORATORIES AND NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. (B) MAY 25, 1965, FOR LEASE OF 13 TONS OF HEAVY WATER BY INDIA TO BELGIUM. (RENEWAL OR LATER AGREEMENTS NOT INDICATED.)

-- CANADA: MAY 18, 1976, CANADA ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION TO DISCONTINUE FURTHER NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA. EARLIER ANNUAL REPORTS INDICATE AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN 1956, 1963, 1964, 1966 AND 1971.

--CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOVEMBER 9, 1966; RENEWAL SOMETIME IN 1972-1973.

-- DENMARK: FEBRUARY 18, 1962; EXTENDED IN 1968 AND AGAIN IN 1973 TO BE IN FORCE UP TO FEBRUARY 1978.

-- CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOVEMBER 9, 1966; RENEWAL SOMETIME IN 1972-73.

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-- DENMARK: FEBRUARY 18, 1962; EXTENDED IN 1968 AND AGAIN IN 1973 TO BE IN FORCE UP TO FEBRUARY 1978.

--EGYPT: AGREEMENT IN 1962; EXTENDED IN 1970 AND AGAIN IN 1975 FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

-- FRANCE: JULY 1965; EXTENDED UP TO JULY 2, 1975 (FURTHER RENEWAL DATE NO INDICATED).

-- GDR: IN 1974-75.

-- FRG: OCTOBER 5, 1971.

-- HUNGARY: OCTOBER 1961; EXTENDED IN 1966 AND AGAIN IN 1971 TO BE IN FORCE UP TO OCTOBER 1976. (FURTHER RENEWAL NOT INDICATED.)

-- IRAN: FEBRUARY 25, 1977.

-- ITALY: WAS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED IN 1977.

-- IRAQ: NO AGREEMENT MENTIONED IN ANNUAL REPORTS WE REVIEWED.

-- ROMANIA: AUGUST 30, 1971

-- SPAIN: 1965; EXTENDED 1972-73.

-- USA: VARIOUS AGREEMENTS: 1960, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1971.

-- USSR: 1961, FOR PROVISION OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION ON
A FAST-NEUTRON REACTOR; 1968 A PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION; 1972-
1973: COLLABORATION "FURTHER STRENGTHENED."

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4. OUR SCIENCE OFFICE RECORDS INDICATE THAT NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN SIGNED IN EARLIER YEARS WITH COUNTRIES NOT MENTIONED IN PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT, SUCH AS SWEDEN IN 1961; POLAND IN 1963; YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA IN 1965; PHILIPPINES IN 1964 AND 1969; AND BRAZIL IN 1968. REGARDING THESE COUNTRIES, WE HAVE A NEWS REPORT THAT A NEW FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH POLAND WAS SIGNED SEPTEMBER 10, 1977. THERE WAS ALSO A WIRE SERVICE REPORT FROM MANILA IN MAY 1977 THAT THE PHILIPPINES WAS INTERESTED IN SENDING MORE SCIENTISTS TO INDIA FOR TRAINING IN THE CENTRIFUGE TECHNIQUE OF ENRICHING URANIUM AND THAT IN THE PAST 26 SCIENTISTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION HAD BEEN TRAINED AT BARC. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LOU: CONGEN BOMBAY WILL BE RECEIVING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM IAEC CHAIRMAN, DR. SETHNA, LATER TODAY. ON THE BASIS OF THIS THE CONGEN WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND FURTHER TO THE QUESTIONS IN REFTEL WHICH WERE DIRECTED TO EMBASSY AS WELL AS THOSE ADDRESSED TO BOMBAY. END LOU.
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